State/UTs.	*1994-95*	*1995-96*	*1996-97*	*1997-98 April-June*
Andhra Pradesh	602688	621656	647148	1871492
Karnataka	455696	484690	503150	1443536
Kerala	272537	287167	284753	844457
Tamil Nadu	668258	675276	695436	2038970
Pondicherry	14860	15012	15200	45072
Lakshadweep	876	888	908	2672
TOTAL:	8837562	9159785	9510157	2507504

Fuel Allocation to Karnataka Power Projects

1192. PROF. RAM KAPSE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had sanctioned over 1900 M.W. liquid fuel allocation against the initial sanction of 1160 M.W. for the power projects in Karnataka State;

(b) whether Government have given directives to with-hold releasing fuel allocation to power companies and asked the State to rework on lists of projects restricting the total energy capacity on liquid fuel to the sanction of 1160 M.W.; and

(c) if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS. (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The State of Karnataka was allotted a total capacity of 1160 M.W. of power generation based on liquid fuels out of 12000 MW proposed for the whole country. The State Government of Karnataka recommended 18 on-land projects of 1592.30 MW and 606 M.W. for 4 barge-mounted projects based on liquid fuels. Based on the recommendations of the State Government of Karnataka, the Ministry of Power recommended provisional linkage for 17 on-land projects of 1392.40 MW and 4 barge-mounted projects for 606 MW. Since the recommended capacity for liquid fuels was more than that originally allotted to Karnataka, the State Government was requested through Ministry of Power to reconsider and reprioritise their power projects so as to be within the allotted capacity. The State Government of Karnataka has reconsidered and accordingly on the recommendation of Ministry of Power, provisional fuel linkage has been issued for 16 projects for 1197.4 MW and 4 barge-mounted power projects for 606 MW on 21.7.1997 by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, in accordance with the final policy on the subject. Additionally, linkage has also been given to one project of 200 MW in Karnataka, beyond the allocated capacity. Barge-mounted plants of Andhra Pradesh have also been given linkage beyond the allocated capacity of the State, under the general decision.

Increase in Price of LPG and Diesel

1193. SHRI LAKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the prices of LPG and diesel; and

(b) if not, how oil pool deficit is likely to cover up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Government have been exploring various options to contain the deficit in the pool account and reduce the subsidy on some of the petroleum products. The extent of reduction in